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M.G. Mefferd State Oil and Gas Supervisor California Division of Oil and Gas 1416-9th Street, Room 1310 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Final EPA-CDOG Memorandum of Agreement for Geothermal Energy Injection Wells in California

Dear Mr. Mefferd:

I am pleased to forward to you signature-ready copies of the above captioned Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

After you have signed both final copies, please retain one for your files and return the other to us. This document will set a national precedent for EPA/State agreements on Class V well program implementation.

The State of California has established an extensive UIC program for geothermal energy injection wells under their jurisdiction that goes beyond federal requirements for Class V wells. The enclosed agreement recognizes the responsibilities the State has assumed in this area and helps us to assure that geothermal energy injection operations in the State are being regulated in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment.

We are now working toward another agreement with several state and federal agencies on geothermal energy injection well operations on federal lands. I look forward to working toward a mutual agreement between these agencies as smoothly as it has been done here.

Sincerely,

Harry Seraydarian, Director Water Management Division

Enclosure

cc: Sean Hagerty, BLM, California State Office Jim Elder, Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water